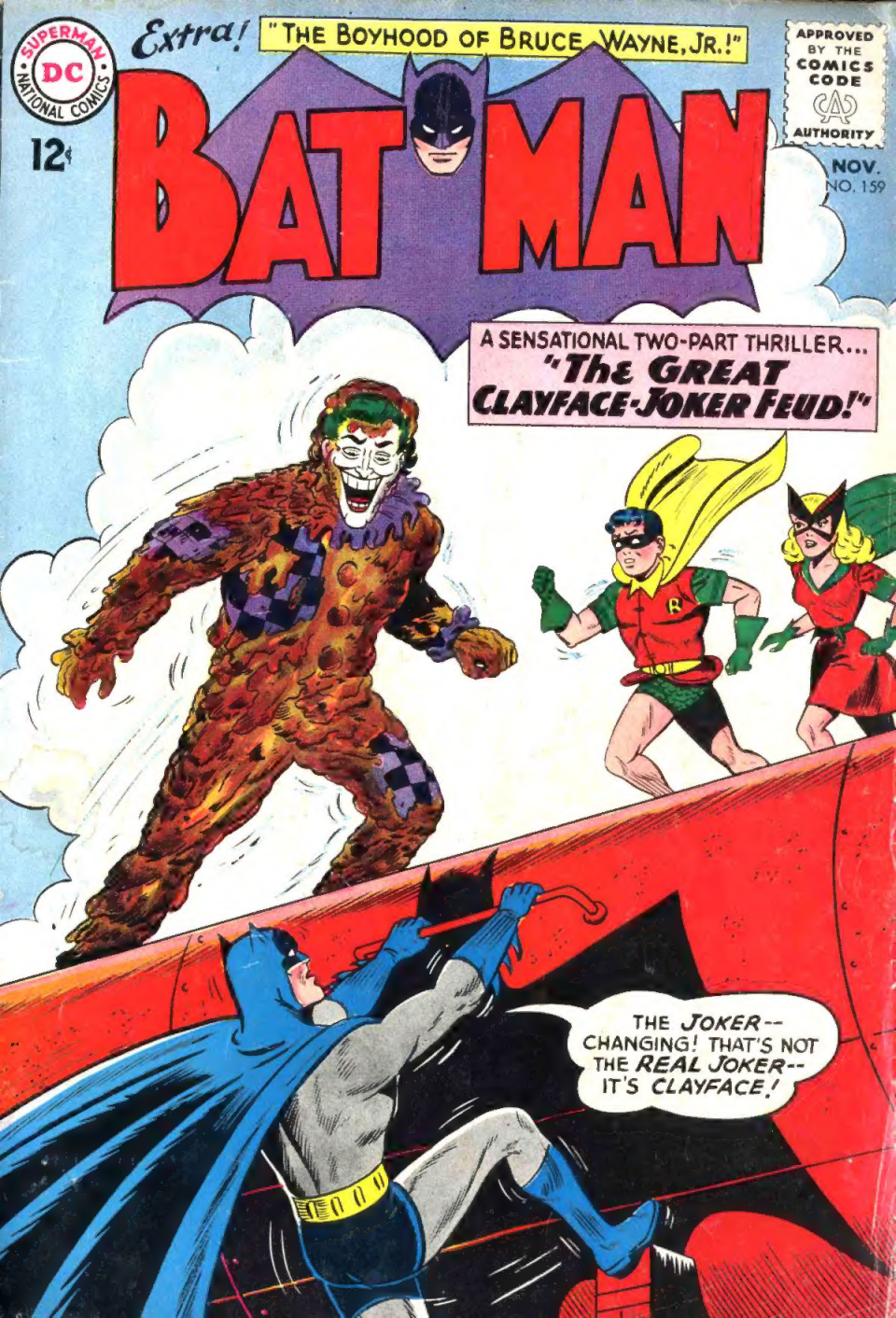
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THESE ARE THE SYMPTOMS, I LEARNED, OF... BUBONIC PLAGUE! I MUST GET HELP!
TAKING A DESERTED HORSE AND CART, LIN TAN HURRIES 15 MILES TO RANGOON...
COME QUICKLY! FLEAS HAVE SPREAD THE PLAGUE... THE VILLAGERS HAVE FLED IN PANIC -- WE MUST FIND THEM ALL AND GIVE THEM INOCULATIONS!
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BY CHANGING FROM MY CLAYFACE FORM TO THAT OF A GORILLA, I NOW HAVE THE STRENGTH TO CARRY MY HOSTAGES--BATMAN AND THE JOKER--TO MY HIDEOUT!
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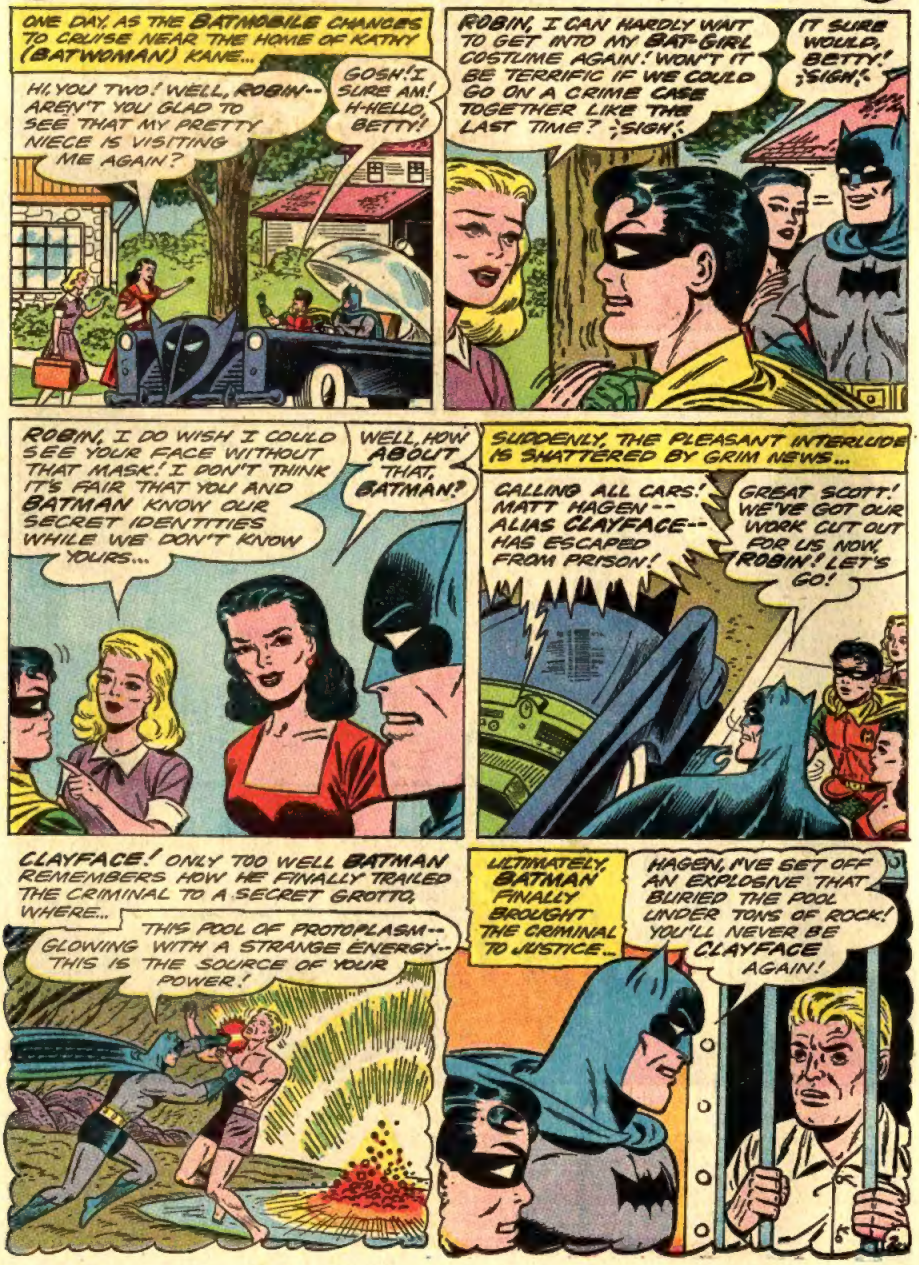
ONE DAY, AS THE BATMOBILE CHANCES TO CRUISE NEAR THE HOME OF KATHY (BATWOMAN) KANE...
HI, YOU TWO! WELL, ROBIN-- AREN'T YOU GLAD TO SEE THAT MY PRETTY NIECE IS VISITING ME AGAIN?
GOSH! I SURE AM! H-HELLO, BETTY!
ROBIN, I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET INTO MY BAT-GIRL COSTUME AGAIN! WON'T IT BE TERRIFIC IF WE COULD GO ON A CRIME CASE TOGETHER LIKE THE LAST TIME? ;SIGH;
IT SURE WOULD, BETTY! ;SIGH;
ROBIN, I DO WISH I COULD SEE YOUR FACE WITHOUT THAT MASK! I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR THAT YOU AND BATMAN KNOW OUR SECRET IDENTITIES WHILE WE DON'T KNOW YOURS...
WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT, BATMAN?
SUDDENLY, THE PLEASANT INTERLUDE IS SHATTERED BY GRIM NEWS...
CALLING ALL CARS! MATT HAGEN -- ALIAS CLAYFACE-- HAS ESCAPED FROM PRISON!
GREAT SCOTT! WE'VE GOT OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US NOW, ROBIN! LET'S GO!
CLAYFACE! ONLY TOO WELL BATMAN REMEMBERS HOW HE FINALLY TRAILED THE CRIMINAL TO A SECRET GROTTO, WHERE...
THIS POOL OF PROTOPLASM-- GLOWING WITH A STRANGE ENERGY-- THIS IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR POWER!
ULTIMATELY, BATMAN FINALLY BROUGHT THE CRIMINAL TO JUSTICE...
HAGEN, I'VE SET OFF AN EXPLOSIVE THAT BURIED THE POOL UNDER TONS OF ROCK! YOU'LL NEVER BE CLAYFACE AGAIN!

AND NOW...
HAGAN'S ON THE LOOSE AGAIN! BUT HE CAN'T PULL ANY CLAYFACE CRIMES NOW THAT HIS POWER IS GONE FOREVER!
EVEN SO, WE'LL KEEP A SHARP WATCH ON ALL UNDERWORLD HAUNTS...
THE NEXT NIGHT, AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS CONTINUE THEIR PATROL...
LOOK! A HUGE BIRD--A GIANT EAGLE--HEADING FOR THAT OPEN WINDOW OF THE EXPOSITION BUILDING!
POSITION HALL
THAT EAGLE COULD HARM SOMEONE. WE'VE GOT TO GO IN AND CAPTURE IT!
SHORTLY, ON THE FLOOR HOUSING A MODEL FUTURISTIC CITY THAT IS PART OF THE ARCHITECTS EXPOSITION...
CLAYFACE! SOMEHOW HE GOT HIS POWER BACK! HE BECAME AN "EAGLE" SO HE COULD FLY INTO THE MANAGER'S OFFICE!
STOP HIM! HE FORCED ME TO OPEN THE SAFE CONTAINING THE GATE RECEIPTS...
QUICK AS THOUGHT, BATMAN SEIZES A WOOD-AND-PLASTER "BUILDING" AND...
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO TAKE HIM BY SURPRISE--KNOCK HIM OUT FAST!
BUT CLAYFACE INSTANTLY CONCENTRATES--HIS MENTAL COMMAND MOULDING HIS BODY LIKE PLIABLE CLAY INTO THE SHAPE, COLOR AND MASS HE DESIRES!
OUT-FOXED BATMAN! BY BECOMING A FAN WITH SPIKED BLADES, I'VE CHOPPED THE "BUILDING" TO BITS!
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ONCE AGAIN, CLAYFACE COMMANDS HIS BODY TO ALTER--AND BECOMES A RAGING MAMMOTH TRAMPLING THE MOCK CITY UNDERFOOT!
BATMAN! WE CAN'T FIGHT THAT!
THEN--THE UNEXPECTED!
WHA-AAT? I THOUGHT I HAD PLENTY OF TIME! IT'S ONLY BEEN FIVE HOURS SINCE I BECAME CLAYFACE--YET MY POWERS ARE EBBING!
ONLY FIVE HOURS? BUT THE TIME-LIMIT WAS ALWAYS FORTY-EIGHT...
INSTANTLY, CLAYFACE CONCENTRATES FIERCELY--SUMMONING UP HIS WANING POWER, AND...
I CAN ONLY KEEP THIS FORM FOR SECONDS--BUT THAT WILL BE LONG ENOUGH!
GREAT SCOTT! HE'S BECOME A FIERY METEOR, SETTING THE MOCK CITY AFLAME!
SECONDS LATER, HIS CLAYFACE POWERS GONE, MATT HAGEN MAKES HIS ESCAPE!
FORGET HIM FOR THE MOMENT! WE'VE GOT TO PUT OUT THIS FIRE BEFORE IT SPREADS THROUGH THE BUILDING!
WE CAN'T GET TO HIM NOW!
HOW? HOW COULD HAGEN BECOME CLAYFACE AGAIN? YOU DESTROYED THE POOL!
TRUE! BUT HAGEN MUST'VE BEEN CUNNING ENOUGH TO HIDE SOME OF THE POOL LIQUID AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE! HE OBVIOUSLY WENT STRAIGHT TO WHERE HE HAD IT HIDDEN AFTER HE BROKE OUT OF JAIL!

BATMAN'S DEDUCTION IS CORRECT--FOR HAGEN HAD DONE EXACTLY THAT UPON ESCAPING FROM PRISON...
GOOD THING I HAD THE FORESIGHT TO HIDE THIS BOTTLE OF POOL LIQUID IN THE REAR SECTION OF THE GROTTO'S CAVERN! LUCKILY, THIS SECTION WASN'T BURIED BY THE EXPLOSIVE BATMAN SET OFF!
WITH SOME OF THIS LIQUID--AND WHAT I'VE LEARNED OF CHEMISTRY--I'LL MAKE ENOUGH SYNTHETIC LIQUID TO ENABLE ME TO BECOME CLAYFACE AGAIN!
THUS, CLAYFACE WAS REBORN! AND NOW, IN THE BAT-CAVE...
WHAT SURPRISED ME IS THAT CLAYFACE MUST RENEW HIS POWER EVERY FIVE HOURS NOW!
IT SURPRISED CLAYFACE, TOO! I'LL WAGER HE'S SOMEHOW MADE SYNTHETIC LIQUID--BUT HE DIDN'T EXPECT THAT THE SYNTHETIC HAS A SHORTER TIME-LIMIT THAN THE ORIGINAL LIQUID!
MEANWHILE, THE HEADLINE NEWS OF CLAYFACE'S RETURN IS DISCUSSED IN AN UNDERWORLD HANGOUT...
CLAYFACE DID IT AGAIN! NOT EVEN BATMAN CAN STOP CLAYFACE!
YEAH! CLAYFACE IS THE TOP CRIMINAL IN THE COUNTRY!
Gotham Gazette
CLAYFACE STEALS GATE RECEIPTS
AREN'T YOU FORGETTING ME?
THE JOKER!
MY CUNNING HAS MADE ME BATMAN'S GREATEST FOE! WITHOUT HIS FREAK POWERS, CLAYFACE IS A BLUNDERING THIRD-RATER--INCAPABLE OF MATCHING CRIMES OF MY CALIBRE! AND I CAN PROVE IT ANYTIME!
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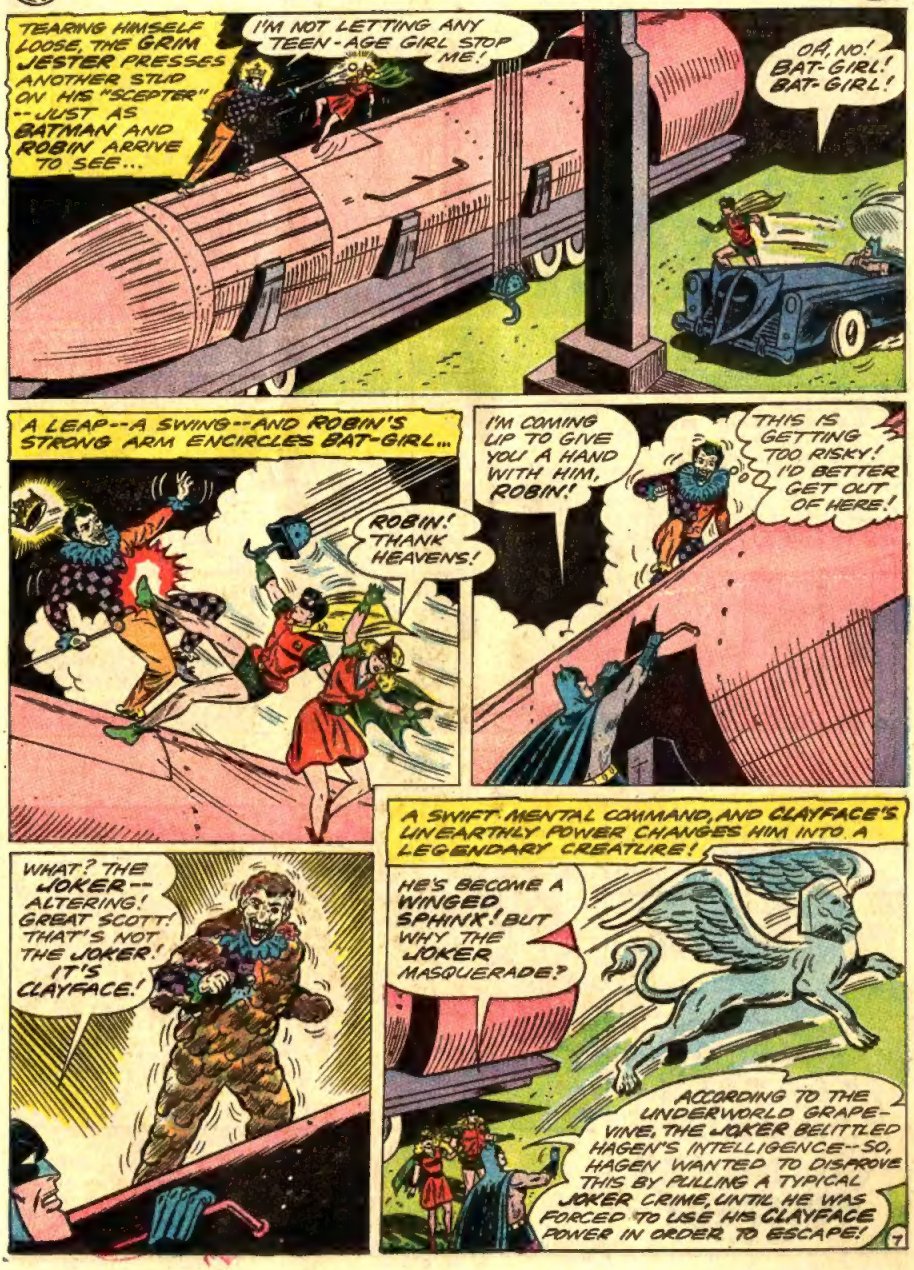
THE NEXT NIGHT...
WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY SEARCHING FOR CLAYFACE THAT I ALMOST FORGOT THAT BATWOMAN IS TO BE HONORED TONIGHT AT THE ROCKET-LAUNCHING SITE!
WE'D BETTER GET THERE FAST! IF WE'RE LATE FOR THE CEREMONIES, SHE'LL NEVER FORGIVE US!
MEANWHILE...
BATWOMAN, WE TAKE PRIDE IN NAMING OUR GREATEST SPACE ROCKET AFTER YOU-- AND WITH THIS GOLD CROWN, WE ACCLAIM YOU "QUEEN OF SPACE!"
BAT WOMAN
SUDDENLY, A COSTUMED FIGURE BOLTS FROM HIDING...
SURELY YOUR ROYAL MAJESTY HASN'T FORGOTTEN THE COURT JESTER-- AND HERE I AM-- JEST IN TIME! HA! HA!
THE JOKER!
BEFORE BATWOMAN CAN MOVE, THE CRIME CLOWN PRESSES A BUTTON ON HIS "SCEPTER" AND...
TSK-TSK! I'M AFRAID THE QUEEN AND HER ROYAL COMMANDER ARE TOO SLEEPY TO APPRECIATE MY BUFFOONERY! HA-HA!
UH-- SLEEPING GAS!
EVEN AS THE JOKER LEAPS AWAY TO A NEARBY ROCKET TRUCK, A DETERMINED FIGURE LAUNCHES FORWARD LIKE A HUMAN MISSILE!
STICK AROUND! THE FUN'S NOT OVER YET!
BAT-GIRL!


TEARING HIMSELF LOOSE, THE GRIM JESTER PRESSES ANOTHER STUD ON HIS "SCEPTER" --JUST AS BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE TO SEE...
I'M NOT LETTING ANY TEEN-AGE GIRL STOP ME!
OH, NO! BAT-GIRL! BAT-GIRL!
A LEAP--A SWING--AND ROBIN'S STRONG ARM ENCIRCLES BAT-GIRL...
ROBIN! THANK HEAVENS!
I'M COMING UP TO GIVE YOU A HAND WITH HIM, ROBIN!
THIS IS GETTING TOO RISKY! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!
WHAT? THE JOKER--- ALTERING! GREAT SCOTT! THAT'S NOT THE JOKER! IT'S CLAYFACE!
A SWIFT MENTAL COMMAND, AND CLAYFACE'S UNEARTHLY POWER CHANGES HIM INTO A LEGENDARY CREATURE!
HE'S BECOME A WINGED SPHINX! BUT WHY THE JOKER MASQUERADE?
ACCORDING TO THE UNDERWORLD GRAPEVINE, THE JOKER BELITTLED HAGEN'S INTELLIGENCE--SO, HAGEN WANTED TO DISPROVE THIS BY PULLING A TYPICAL JOKER CRIME, UNTIL HE WAS FORCED TO USE HIS CLAYFACE POWER IN ORDER TO ESCAPE!
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LATER...
OH, ROBIN--- I'M AFRAID YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO HOLD ME! I'M STILL SO SHAKY AFTER FIGHTING CLAYFACE-- AND YOU'RE SO STRONG!
SMART GIRL! SHE KNOWS HOW TO PLAY UP TO A MAN! MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE A TIP FROM HER, EH, BATMAN?
OH, BATMAN--- I'M AFRAID YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO HOLD ME! I'M STILL SHAKY AFTER FIGHTING CLAYFACE- AND YOU'RE SO STRON-NN-G!
LATER IN HIS LAIR, THE JOKER READS NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF CLAYFACE'S LATEST CRIME...
AHA! CLAYFACE MUST'VE LEARNED THAT I DERIDED HIM SO HE TRIED TO SHOW ME UP BY MIMICKING A JOKER-TYPE CRIME! BUT A MERE TEEN-AGE GIRL INTERFERED WITH HIS PLANS! HA, HA!
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BUT I CAN'T ALLOW ANYBODY TO IMITATE ME! CLAYFACE WILL RUE THE DAY HE TRIED TO COMPETE WITH THE JOKER! HA, HA, HA!
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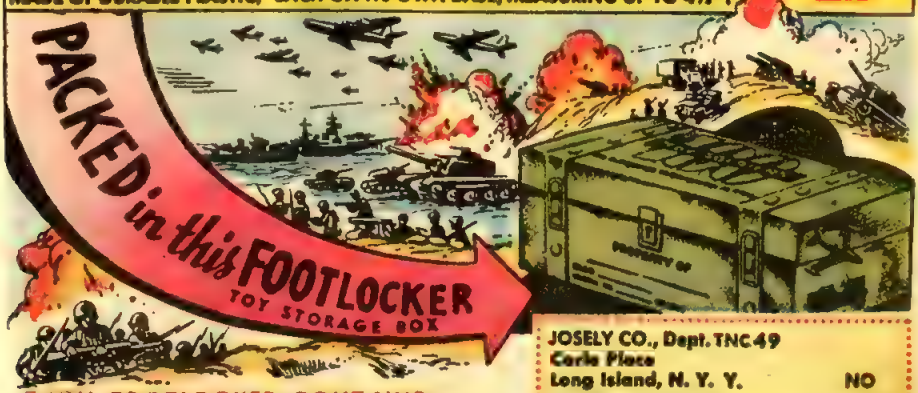

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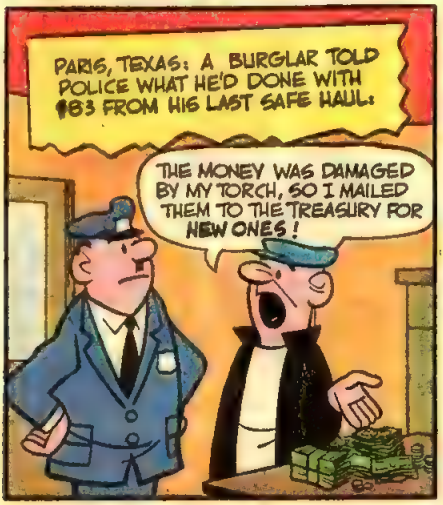
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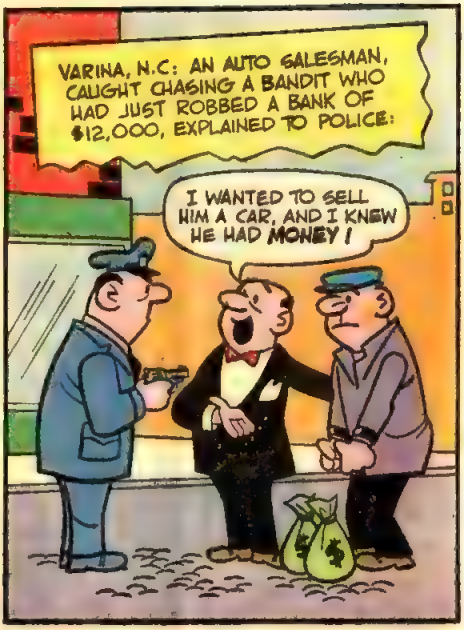
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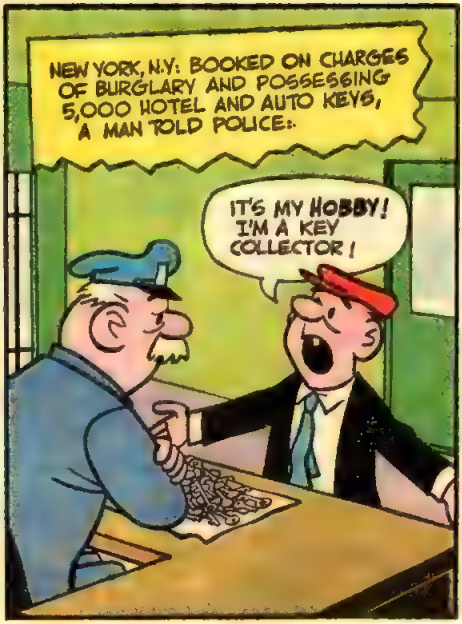
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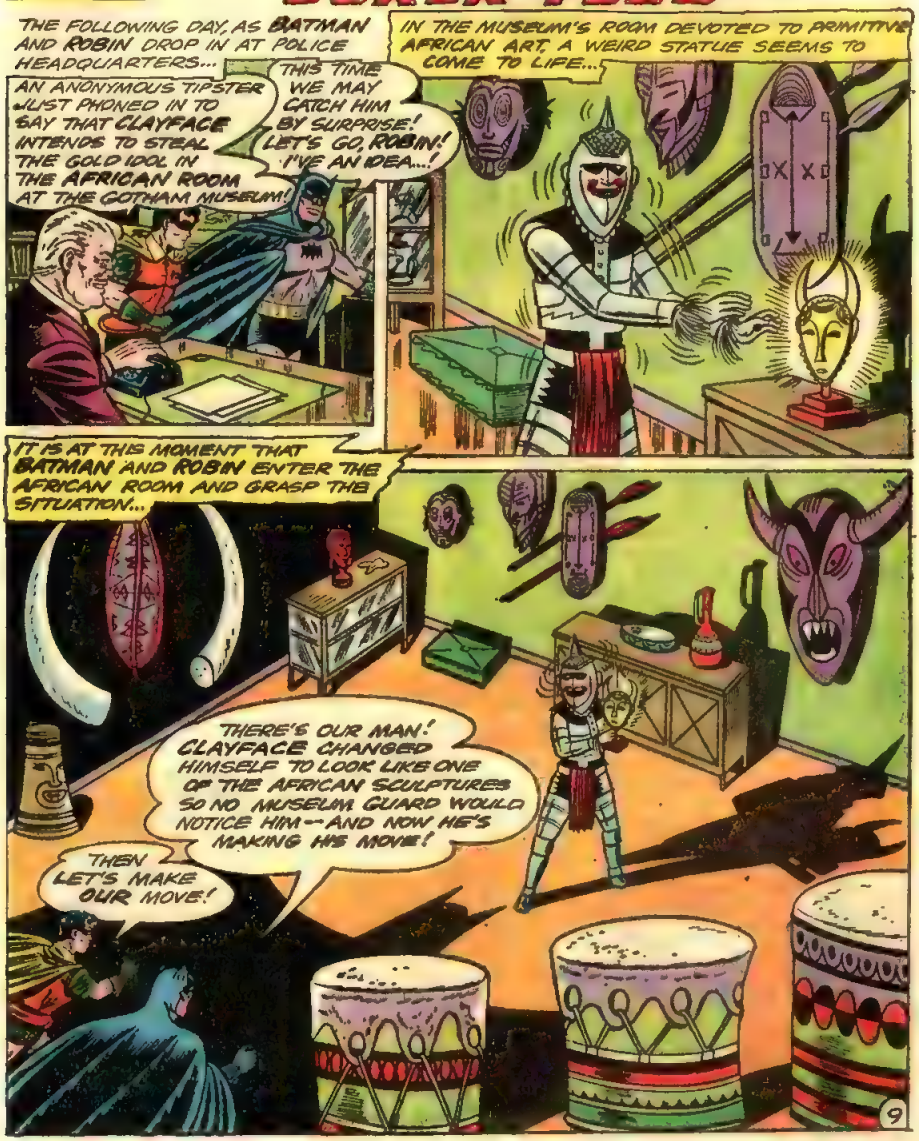
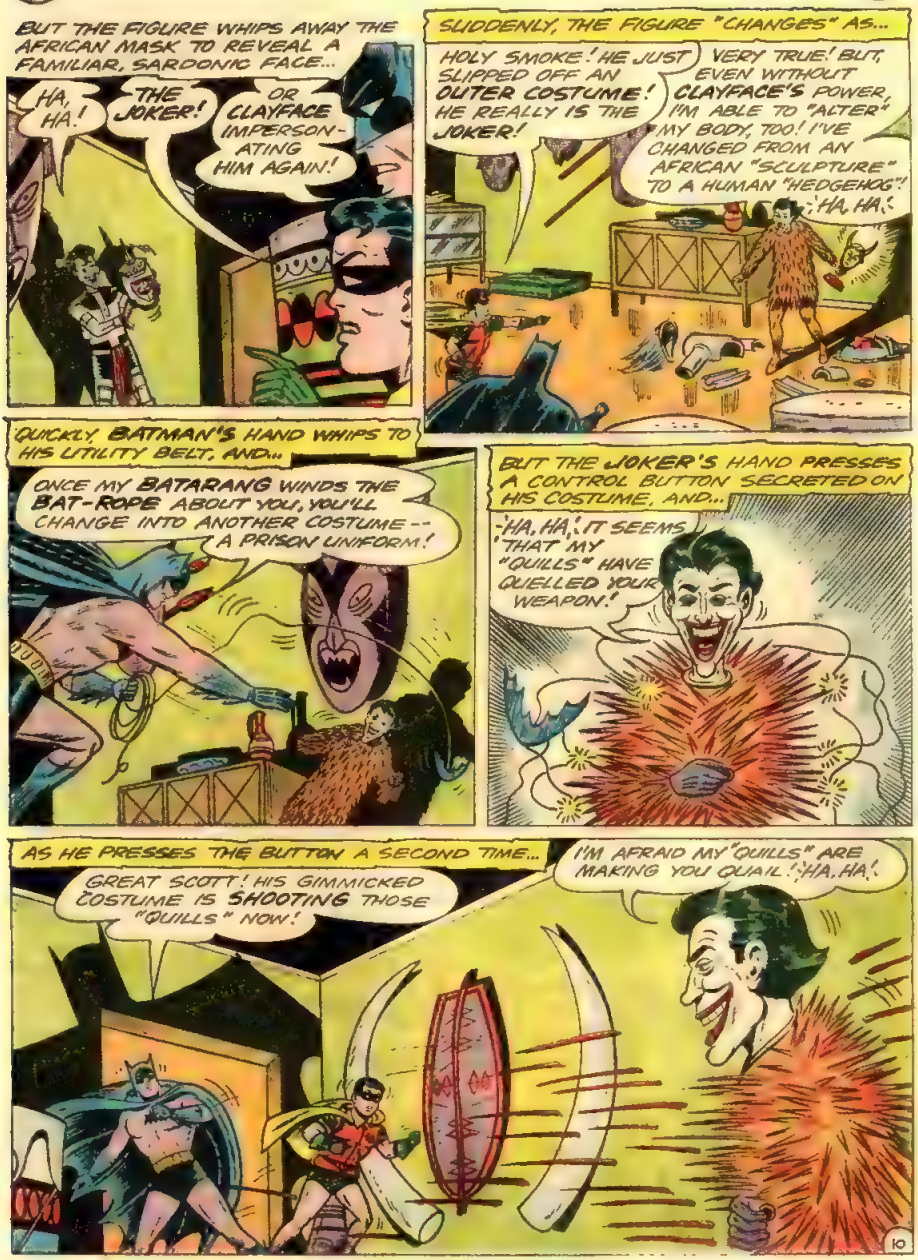
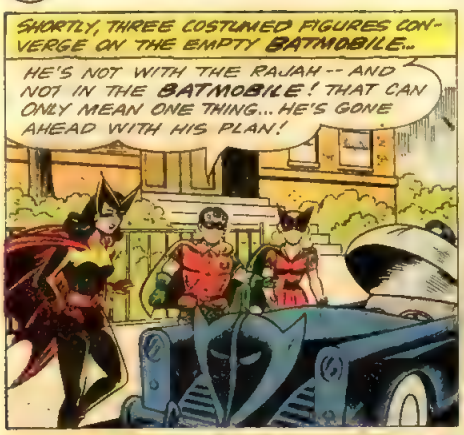

THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN DROP IN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
AN ANONYMOUS TIPSTER JUST PHONED IN TO SAY THAT CLAYFACE INTENDS TO STEAL THE GOLD IDOL IN THE AFRICAN ROOM AT THE GOTHAM MUSEUM!
THIS TIME WE MAY CATCH HIM BY SURPRISE! LET'S GO, ROBIN! I'VE AN IDEA...!
IN THE MUSEUM'S ROOM DEVOTED TO PRIMITIVE AFRICAN ART, A WEIRD STATUE SEEMS TO COME TO LIFE...
IT IS AT THIS MOMENT THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN ENTER THE AFRICAN ROOM AND GRASP THE SITUATION...
THERE'S OUR MAN! CLAYFACE CHANGED HIMSELF TO LOOK LIKE ONE OF THE AFRICAN SCULPTURES SO NO MUSEUM GUARD WOULD NOTICE HIM -- AND NOW HE'S MAKING HIS MOVE!
THEN LET'S MAKE OUR MOVE!

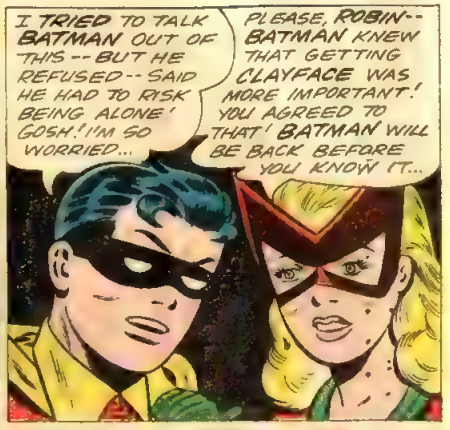

BUT THE FIGURE WHIPS AWAY THE AFRICAN MASK TO REVEAL A FAMILIAR, SARDONIC FACE...
HA, HA!
THE JOKER!
OR CLAYFACE IMPERSONATING HIM AGAIN!
SUDDENLY, THE FIGURE "CHANGES" AS...
HOLY SMOKE! HE JUST SLIPPED OFF AN OUTER COSTUME! HE REALLY IS THE JOKER!
VERY TRUE! BUT, EVEN WITHOUT CLAYFACE'S POWER, I'M ABLE TO "ALTER" MY BODY, TOO! I'VE CHANGED FROM AN AFRICAN "SCULPTURE" TO A HUMAN "HEDGEHOG"! HA, HA!
QUICKLY, BATMAN'S HAND WHIPS TO HIS UTILITY BELT, AND...
ONCE MY BATARANG WINDS THE BAT-ROPE ABOUT YOU, YOU'LL CHANGE INTO ANOTHER COSTUME -- A PRISON UNIFORM!
BUT THE JOKER'S HAND PRESSES A CONTROL BUTTON SECRETED ON HIS COSTUME, AND...
HA, HA! IT SEEMS 'THAT MY "QUILLS" HAVE QUELLED YOUR WEAPON!
AS HE PRESSES THE BUTTON A SECOND TIME...
GREAT SCOTT! HIS GIMMICKED COSTUME IS SHOOTING THOSE "QUILLS" NOW!
I'M AFRAID MY "QUILLS" ARE MAKING YOU QUAIL! HA, HA!

WITH A LIGHTNING-SWIFT MOTION, ROBIN WHIPS UP AN AFRICAN SHIELD...
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
...WHILE BATMAN HOPS ATOP AN AFRICAN DRUM...
WHEW! MISSED ME BY A DRUM BEAT! THE REBOUND CARRIED ME RIGHT OVER THE PATH OF THE QUILLS!
BOOM
NOW, JOKER, YOU'VE FORCED ME TO CHANGE...
...INTO A DRUMMER...
...WHO'S ABOUT TO...
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
...DRUM SOME SENSE INTO YOUR HEAD!
BUT AS BATMAN HAULS THE JOKER TO HIS FEET...
WHAAT?
YOU WERE WEARING A BREAK-AWAY COSTUME!
EXACTLY! HA, HA, AND NOW I'M "CHANGING" AGAIN! HA, HA!

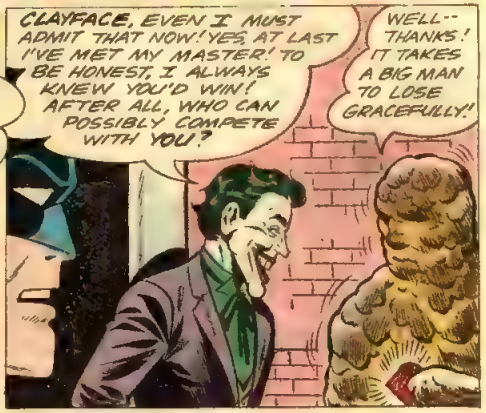
EVEN WITHOUT CLAYFACE'S POWER, I CAN ALSO CHANGE INTO A WINGED CREATURE! HA, HA! BY THE WAY, BATMAN, IT WAS I WHO MADE THAT PHONE CALL TO HEADQUARTERS!
I WANTED YOU HERE--SO I COULD PROVE TO CLAYFACE THAT EVEN WITHOUT HIS POWER, I STILL COULD DUPLICATE HIS FEATS AND OUTSMART YOU, WHEREAS HE COULDN'T CONTINUE AS THE JOKER WHEN HE TRIED TO MIMIC ME! HA, HA!
SO--THE CLAYFACE-JOKER FEUD IS STILL RAGING!
HMM! ROBIN, MAYBE WE CAN USE IT TO OUR ADVANTAGE..
LATER, HAGEN FUMES AS HE READS NEWS HEADLINES OF THE JOKER TRIUMPH OVER BATMAN...
THE JOKER HAS MADE ME THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE UNDERWORLD! SOMEHOW, I'VE GOT TO PULL A BIG COUP THAT WILL REGAIN ME MY PRESTIGE! BUT HOW? HOW?
Gazette
JOKER APES CLAYFACE AND OUTWITS BATMAN!
IT IS A TV NEWSCAST--AN INTERVIEW WITH BATMAN--THAT GIVES HAGEN HIS ANSWER
BATMAN, IT'S REPORTED THAT TOMORROW NIGHT THE RAJAH TAJORE IS HONORING YOU WITH A GIFT OF A FABULOUS GEM KNOWN AS THE "KING OF DIAMONDS"!
THAT'S TRUE!

YOU AND ROBIN WILL HAVE TO BE ON GUARD WHEN YOU LEAVE THE RAJAH WITH SUCH A VALUABLE GEM!
I'LL BE ABLE TO DO THAT BY MYSELF! I COULDN'T INSULT THE RAJAH BY NOT APPEARING, SO ROBIN WILL BE ON MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS! ROBIN WILL BE PATROLLING THE CITY, LOOKING FOR THAT MASTER CRIMINAL, CLAYFACE!
THE JOKER WILL BE FURIOUS BECAUSE BATMAN CONSIDERS ME THE MASTER CRIMINAL! THE JOKER WILL TRY TO DISPROOVE THAT-- BY TRYING TO STEAL THE "KING OF DIAMONDS"! IT'S SUCH A NATURAL JOKER-THEME CRIME, THE JOKER WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST! HMM...
CLICK!
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...
IT'S IN THE CARDS, BATMAN--SINCE I'M THE JOKER IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT I TAKE THE "KING OF DIAMONDS"! BIG JOKE, EH? YOU'LL LAUGH--AS SOON AS THIS LAUGHING GAS AFFECTS YOU!
NO PARKING
UNEXPECTEDLY...
THEN THE "STANCHION" ALTERS SWIFTLY--TO BECOME CLAYFACE.
HA! NOW I'VE NOT ONLY GOT THE DIAMOND--BUT ALSO THE JOKER AND BATMAN!
ANOTHER MENTAL COMMAND--AND ANOTHER CHANGE TO FIT THE NEEDS OF CLAYFACE!
NOW WITH MY NEW FORM AND STRENGTH, I CAN EASILY CARRY MY HOSTAGES TO MY HIDEOUT!


SHORTLY, THREE COSTUMED FIGURES CONVERGE ON THE EMPTY BATMOBILE..
HE'S NOT WITH THE RAJAH -- AND NOT IN THE BATMOBILE! THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING... HE'S GONE AHEAD WITH HIS PLAN!


I TRIED TO TALK BATMAN OUT OF THIS -- BUT HE REFUSED -- SAID HE HAD TO RISK BEING ALONE! GOSH! I'M SO WORRIED...
PLEASE, ROBIN -- BATMAN KNEW THAT GETTING CLAYFACE WAS MORE IMPORTANT! YOU AGREED TO THAT! BATMAN WILL BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT...

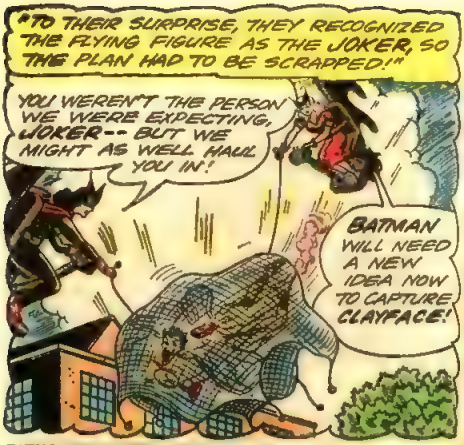
BUT AT THAT MOMENT, IN CLAYFACE'S HIDEOUT...
I PULLED THE BIGGEST COUP OF ALL TIME! I NOT ONLY OUTSMARTED YOU, JOKER.. BUT CAPTURED BATMAN, TOO! EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO ADMIT I'M THE TOP CRIMINAL NOW!

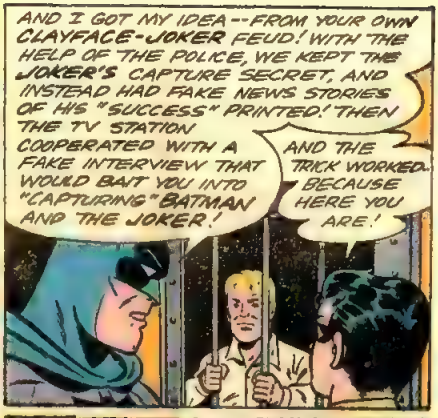

CLAYFACE, EVEN I MUST ADMIT THAT NOW! YES, AT LAST I'VE MET MY MASTER! TO BE HONEST, I ALWAYS KNEW YOU'D WIN! AFTER ALL, WHO CAN POSSIBLY COMPETE WITH YOU?
WELL -- THANKS! IT TAKES A BIG MAN TO LOSE GRACEFULLY!

CLAYFACE, WHY DON'T WE CALL OFF THIS FOOLISH FEUD! WHY DON'T WE TEAM UP? WHY, WITH MY CUNNING AND YOUR POWER, WE COULD LAUGH AT THE LAW!
CLAYFACE AND THE JOKER! PARTNERS IN CRIME! HMM! SOUNDS OKAY!

THANKS, PARTNER! AND NOW, TO PROVE MY SINCERITY, I'LL LET YOU HAVE THE HONOR OF UNMASKING BATMAN AND EXPOSING HIS SECRET IDENTITY!

OKAY, JOKER--HERE GOES! LET'S SEE WHAT THE REST OF BATMAN'S FACE IS LIKE!
HUH! THE REST OF HIS FACE--IT'S LIKE MY FACE LOOKS WHEN I'M CLAYFACE!
STUNNED BY SURPRISE--CLAYFACE IS THEN STUNNED UNCONSCIOUS BY A SLEDGE-HAMMER BLOW!
NOW! I KNEW THE SHOCK OF SEEING THAT FACE WOULD DISTRACT YOU LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET IN THIS KNOCKOUT PUNCH!
NOW I'LL GIVE CLAYFACE A SEDATIVE THAT WILL KEEP HIM SLEEPING PAST THE FIVE-HOUR TIME LIMIT SO THAT HIS POWER WILL BE GONE! WHEN HE AWAKENS, HE WON'T LIKE KNOWING THAT I IMPERSONATED THE JOKER AND THAT THE "BATMAN" HE UNMASKED WAS MY BATMAN-ROBOT WITH CLAY ON ITS FACE!
LATER, WHEN HAGEN AWAKENS IN PRISON AND IS TOLD THE TRUTH...
BUT IF YOU IMPERSONATED THE JOKER, WHERE IS THE REAL JOKER?
THE JOKER'S BEEN IN JAIL SINCE THE NIGHT OF THE ROBBERY IN THE MUSEUM'S AFRICAN ROOM! YOU SEE, WHEN HE PHONED IN HIS FAKE TIP THAT CLAYFACE WAS GOING TO ROB THE GOLD IDOL, I MADE SOME HURRIED PLANS...
"I SWIFTLY CONTACTED BATWOMAN AND BAT-GIRL, LENT THEM TWO WHIRLY-BATS, HAD THEM HIDE NEAR THE MUSEUM!"
THIS TIME, IF CLAYFACE ESCAPES FROM BATMAN AND ROBIN BY CHANGING TO A WINGED CREATURE, WE CAN TRAIL HIM IN THE WHIRLY-BATS!
IF BATMAN'S PLAN WORKS, CLAYFACE MAY LEAD US TO THE CACHE OF LIQUID THAT GIVES HIM HIS POWER!


"TO THEIR SURPRISE, THEY RECOGNIZED THE FLYING FIGURE AS THE JOKER, SO THE PLAN HAD TO BE SCRAPPED!"
YOU WEREN'T THE PERSON WE WERE EXPECTING, JOKER-- BUT WE MIGHT AS WELL HAUL YOU IN!
BATMAN WILL NEED A NEW IDEA NOW TO CAPTURE CLAYFACE!


AND I GOT MY IDEA--FROM YOUR OWN CLAYFACE-JOKER FEUD! WITH THE HELP OF THE POLICE, WE KEPT THE JOKER'S CAPTURE SECRET, AND INSTEAD HAD FAKE NEWS STORIES OF HIS "SUCCESS" PRINTED! THEN THE TV STATION COOPERATED WITH A FAKE INTERVIEW THAT WOULD BAIT YOU INTO "CAPTURING" BATMAN AND THE JOKER!
AND THE TRICK WORKED BECAUSE HERE YOU ARE!

SO WHAT! YOU DIDN'T FIND MY CACHE OF LIQUID BECAUSE IT WASN'T IN MY HIDEOUT! I HID IT IN ANOTHER PLACE--AND WHEN I GET OUT, IT'LL MAKE ME CLAYFACE AGAIN!
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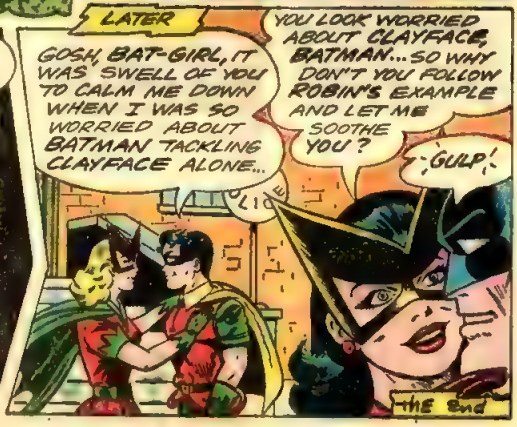
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GOSH, BAT-GIRL, IT WAS SWELL OF YOU TO CALM ME DOWN WHEN I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT BATMAN TACKLING CLAYFACE ALONE...
YOU LOOK WORRIED ABOUT CLAYFACE, BATMAN... SO WHY DON'T YOU FOLLOW ROBIN'S EXAMPLE AND LET ME SOOTHE YOU?
GULP!
THE END

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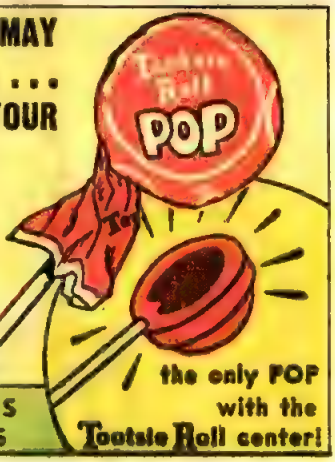

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Dear Editor: I have just finished reading "Robin Dies at Dawn." The combination of script, art and coloring makes this story one of the best Batman adventures ever published. This is BATMAN ANNUAL material. The cover of this specific issue is the most striking and beautiful ever produced by BATMAN COMICS, and one of the all-time best by D.C. I congratulate all of the people involved with the issue on a superb job.

Dennis Richard, Lawrence, Mass.

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Dear Editor: As a faithful reader of BATMAN, there are some comments I would like to make. First of all, one letter page in BATMAN is not enough to permit your readers to write good letters and express all of their feelings. Keep your letter column two pages in length. Also, don't you think that DETECTIVE COMICS merits a letter page of its own?

The cover of BATMAN No. 156 was the best I have seen in 25 years. The story was great, but why not give us a story where Robin, Batwoman or Bat-Girl really die (or really seem to)? . . . Also, please give Green Arrow and the Martian Manhunter tryouts in BRAVE AND BOLD or SHOWCASE. They deserve comics of their own.

Ronald Mossmann, Pottstown, Pa.

(We've already stated that when our schedule permits, we will have two-page letter columns. There's no reason why fans can't continue to express themselves in letters to the editor, even if they're not all printed. All comments are helpful, and that's what most of them try to be. As for DETECTIVE and WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, we've indicated that letters about them will be used in this column.

You'll be pleased to know that Green Arrow and the Martian Manhunter will make a joint appearance in the Oct-Nov. issue of BOLD AND BRAVE.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I want to comment on the June BATMAN, No. 156. It was the greatest story you've ever published. The prologue to "Robin Dies at Dawn" was great, but the two-part adventure was even better. You really had me scared there for a minute; I thought Robin was really dead. If he had been, though, you would have lost a lot of girl readers, because most of the girls like Robin better than Batman. Keep up the good work.

Norma Ryan, Louisville, Kentucky

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Dear Editor: Batman is my favorite character. I think he is more colorful than any other character. One thing that has been bothering me is that there are too many characters in BATMAN. I'm not saying that I don't appreciate Bat-Mite, Bat-Girl, Bat-Hound or Batwoman, but I think they are taking too much interest away from the main characters.

Truly the best cover I have seen on a BATMAN comic since the 1940's is issue 156. Bob Kane did a fine job on it, as always. As for the story, "Robin Dies at Dawn," it was excellent. I know the demand is high, but try to keep away from monsters and outer space villains. The first story had me guessing all along. I thought Batman was Ant-Man.

Kenneth S. Sanders, Los Angeles, Calif.

(The majority of readers disagree with you about the Batman family; if anything, they

want more of the other characters in the stories. As for outer space villains, we still have many demands for them, but we're mixing them in with all the other types. In the December issue of BATMAN, for example, we're having two long stories—one, a startling adventure, "The Alien Boss of Gotham City," and the other a colorful murder baffler, "The Mystery of Madcap Island."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I've been following the Batman on and off since 1941 (I was seven years old that year), but BATMAN 156 is one of the better issues of all the ones I've read. I've always felt that Batman was one of the few greatest of the costumed heroes, and in "Robin Dies at Dawn" Bob Kane again shows the truly heroic proportions of one of fiction's greatest detectives. It takes extraordinary courage and determination to conquer a man's most powerful "enemy"—his own mind.

I hope this story proves an inspiration to your hundreds of thousands of readers.

Phil Castora, Burbank, Calif.

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Dear Editor: We've been collecting BATMAN COMICS for two years and we've decided that the best one we've read is the sensational two-part adventure, "Robin Dies at Dawn," No. 156. Every page in this issue is packed with great excitement, sensational drawings and terrific script. You really had us worried when Robin got hit by a boulder in Chapter 1. Although Robin did not die at dawn, we still enjoyed this story.

Richard and Bill Skol, St. Quebec, Canada

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Dear Editor: I've just finished reading the June issue of Batman. Boy, was it great! I like stories about Batman on other planets. I have also just read your June DETECTIVE COMICS, and I would like another story about Dr. X. And I think a story of Batman and the Manhunter would be pretty neat!

David Riley, Wichita, Kansas

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Dear Editor: "Robin Dies at Dawn" was the best Batman story that I have ever read. But my favorite is J'onn J'onzz in DETECTIVE COMICS. Please list some future Manhunter stories.

Steve Joseph, Oklahoma City, Okla.

(The Martian Manhunter in the current Oct. issue of DETECTIVE is involved in an exciting mystery story, "The Case of the Golden Eagle." The Batman story featured, by the way, is "Batman and Robin, the Mummy Crime-Fighters." In the November issue, J'onn J'onzz has to deal with a very unusual menace, "The Cosmic Creature."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Your recent story, "The Band of Super-Villains" in the June issue of WORLD'S FINEST No. 134, was very touching, though I think I've caught an error. In Part 2, you showed Lois Lane and another man and woman fainting because the air trapped in the Force-Bubble was getting foul. But when the people were fainting how come Batman and Robin weren't, too. After all, they aren't super, are they?

Jim Lawson, Santa Barbara, Calif.

(No, Batman and Robin aren't super, but they have more stamina than Lois Lane and most people. They would ultimately have succumbed, too, if they hadn't broken up the plot against Earth.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I was glad to see one of my favorite villains brought back in June DETECTIVE—Dr. Double X. And having Batman become Double Batman to fight him was just great. It was a thrilling duel. Let's have more of these old villains.

Lars Hansen, New York, N.Y.

(The Nov. DETECTIVE will have another former foe readers have been asking for. I should say foes, for they are the Fox, the Shark and the Vulture in a return engagement of "The Terrible Trio." Batman and Robin also face plenty of trouble when they encounter Superman's old foe in the current Nov. WORLD'S FINEST, featuring "Superman's Secret Master," a 2-part adventure that will keep you guessing even when you think you know the answer.—Ed.)

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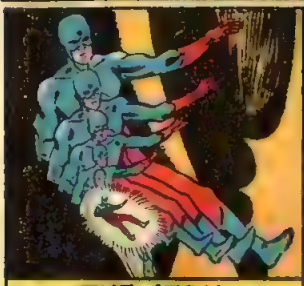

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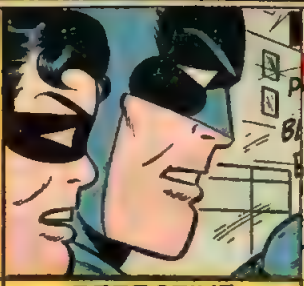

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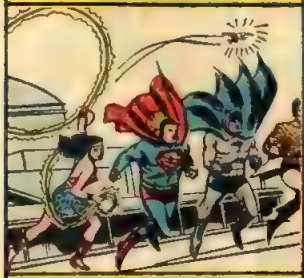

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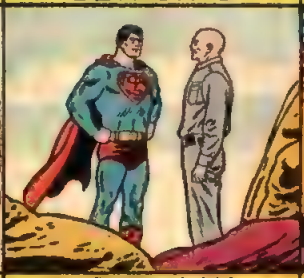

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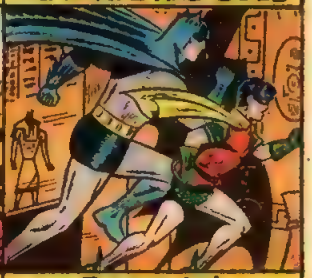

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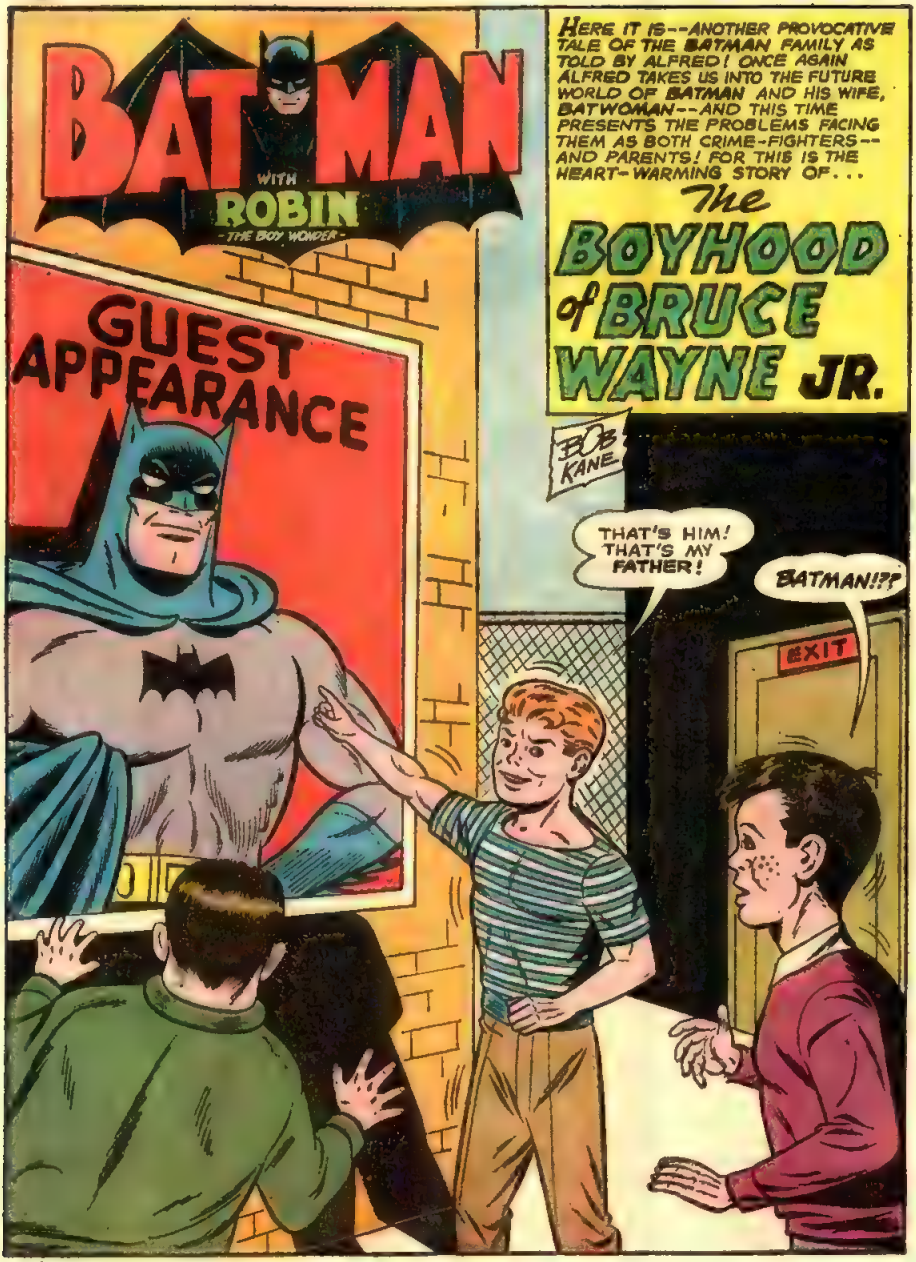
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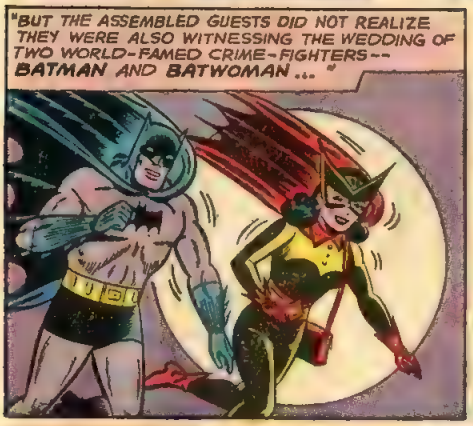
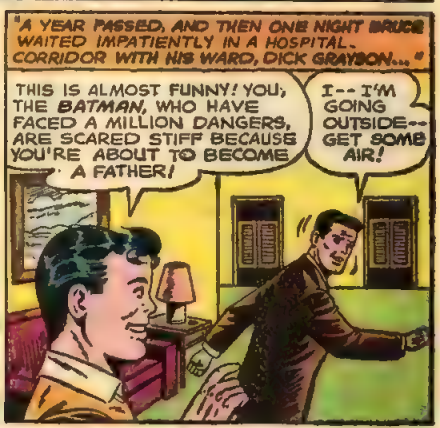
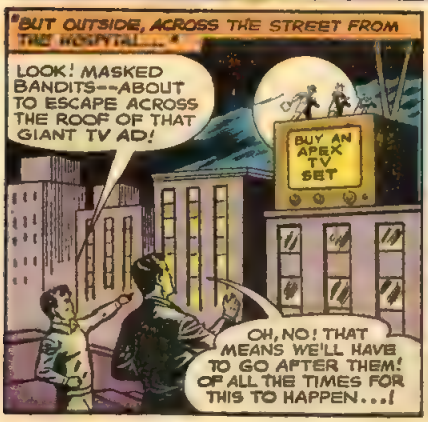
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
GUEST APPEARANCE
HERE IT IS--ANOTHER PROVOCATIVE TALE OF THE BATMAN FAMILY AS TOLD BY ALFRED! ONCE AGAIN ALFRED TAKES US INTO THE FUTURE WORLD OF BATMAN AND HIS WIFE, BATWOMAN--AND THIS TIME PRESENTS THE PROBLEMS FACING THEM AS BOTH CRIME-FIGHTERS--AND PARENTS! FOR THIS IS THE HEART-WARMING STORY OF...
The BOYHOOD of BRUCE WAYNE JR.
BOB KANE
THAT'S HIM! THAT'S MY FATHER!
BATMAN!??
EXIT

IN THE WAYNE HOME, ALFRED IS ONCE AGAIN TYPING ANOTHER TALE OF THE FUTURE . . .
"IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT ONE DAY BRUCE WAYNE WOULD PROPOSE MARRIAGE TO KATHY KANE..."

"THEIR MARRIAGE WAS THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR."


"BUT THE ASSEMBLED GUESTS DID NOT REALIZE THEY WERE ALSO WITNESSING THE WEDDING OF TWO WORLD-FAMED CRIME-FIGHTERS-- BATMAN AND BATWOMAN ... "


"A YEAR PASSED, AND THEN ONE NIGHT BRUCE WAITED IMPATIENTLY IN A HOSPITAL CORRIDOR WITH HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON..."
THIS IS ALMOST FUNNY! YOU, THE BATMAN, WHO HAVE FACED A MILLION DANGERS, ARE SCARED STIFF BECAUSE YOU'RE ABOUT TO BECOME A FATHER!
I-- I'M GOING OUTSIDE-- GET SOME AIR!


"BUT OUTSIDE, ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HOSPITAL..."
LOOK! MASKED BANDITS--ABOUT TO ESCAPE ACROSS THE ROOF OF THAT GIANT TV AD!
BUY AN APEX TV SET
OH, NO! THAT MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO GO AFTER THEM! OF ALL THE TIMES FOR THIS TO HAPPEN...!

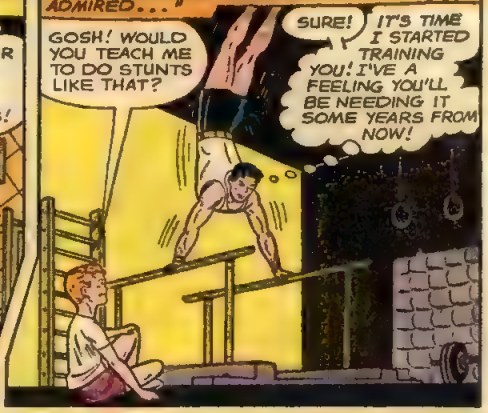
"SHEDDING THEIR GARB IN A DARK ALLEY, THEY MOVED SWIFTLY TO INTERCEPT THE BANDITS. BUT..."
THEY'VE ALREADY GOTTEN TO THE OTHER ROOF!
WE CAN'T WASTE TIME TRYING TO RUN THEM DOWN! QUICK, ROBIN-- THE TV ANTENNA!
BUY AN APEX

"FLEXING THEIR LIMBER MUSCLES, THE DYNAMIC DUO LAUNCHED THEMSELVES UP AT THE MOCK TV ANTENNA..."
THE ANTENNA WILL BEND FOR A MOMENT UNDER OUR COMBINED WEIGHT, AND THEN...
"THEN, IT WHIPPED UP AGAIN, AND SENT TWO HUMAN ARROWS IN ARCHING FLIGHT!"
YOW! BATMAN AND ROBIN!
"AS THEY LANDED, BATMAN HAD BUT ONE THOUGHT IN MIND..."
GOT TO WRAP THIS UP FAST--SO I CAN GET BACK TO THE HOSPITAL IN TIME!
"THE BANDITS WERE SWIFTLY HUSTLED OFF TO JAIL--AND BRUCE WAYNE RACED BACK INTO THE HOSPITAL--TO FIND A SURPRISE AWAITING HIM!"
WELL, DARLING, AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY HELLO TO YOUR SON?
ULP! A SON... I'VE GOT A SON...
"SHORTLY AFTER, AT HOME, BRUCE REACTED LIKE A TYPICAL PROUD FATHER..."
HERE, ALRED--HAVE A CIGAR--HAVE TWO CIGARS--HAVE THREE! YIPEEE!

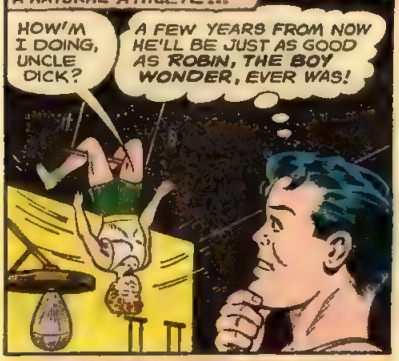
"NATURALLY, FOR AWHILE, MRS. WAYNE COULD NOT RESUME HER **BATWOMAN** ROLE--BUT THERE SOON CAME A TIME WHEN I DOUBLED AS BOTH BUTLER AND **BABY-SITTER!**"

NOW DON'T FORGET TO GIVE HIM HIS TEN O'CLOCK BOTTLE!
MRS. WAYNE, YOU MAY GO ABOUT YOUR CRIME-FIGHTING BUSINESS WITHOUT WORRY! BRUCE JR. IS IN GOOD HANDS!

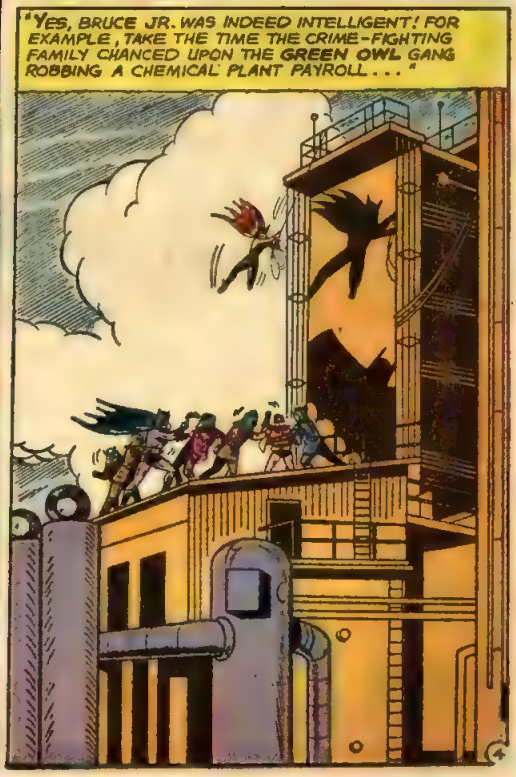
"AS BRUCE JR. GREW, HE CAME TO LOOK UPON HIS UNCLE, DICK GRAYSON, ALMOST AS AN OLDER BROTHER, TO BE IMITATED AND ADMIRED..."


GOSH! WOULD YOU TEACH ME TO DO STUNTS LIKE THAT?
SURE! IT'S TIME I STARTED TRAINING YOU! I'VE A FEELING YOU'LL BE NEEDING IT SOME YEARS FROM NOW!

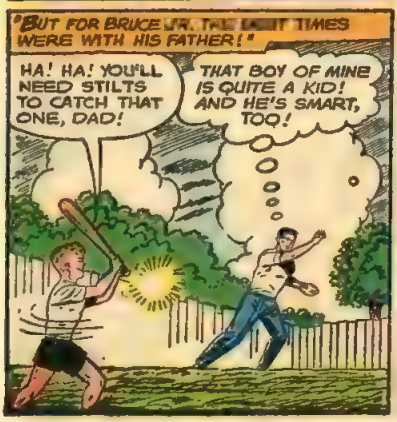
"AS THE MONTHS WENT BY, UNDER DICK'S TUTELAGE, YOUNG BRUCE PROVED TO BE A NATURAL ATHLETE..."

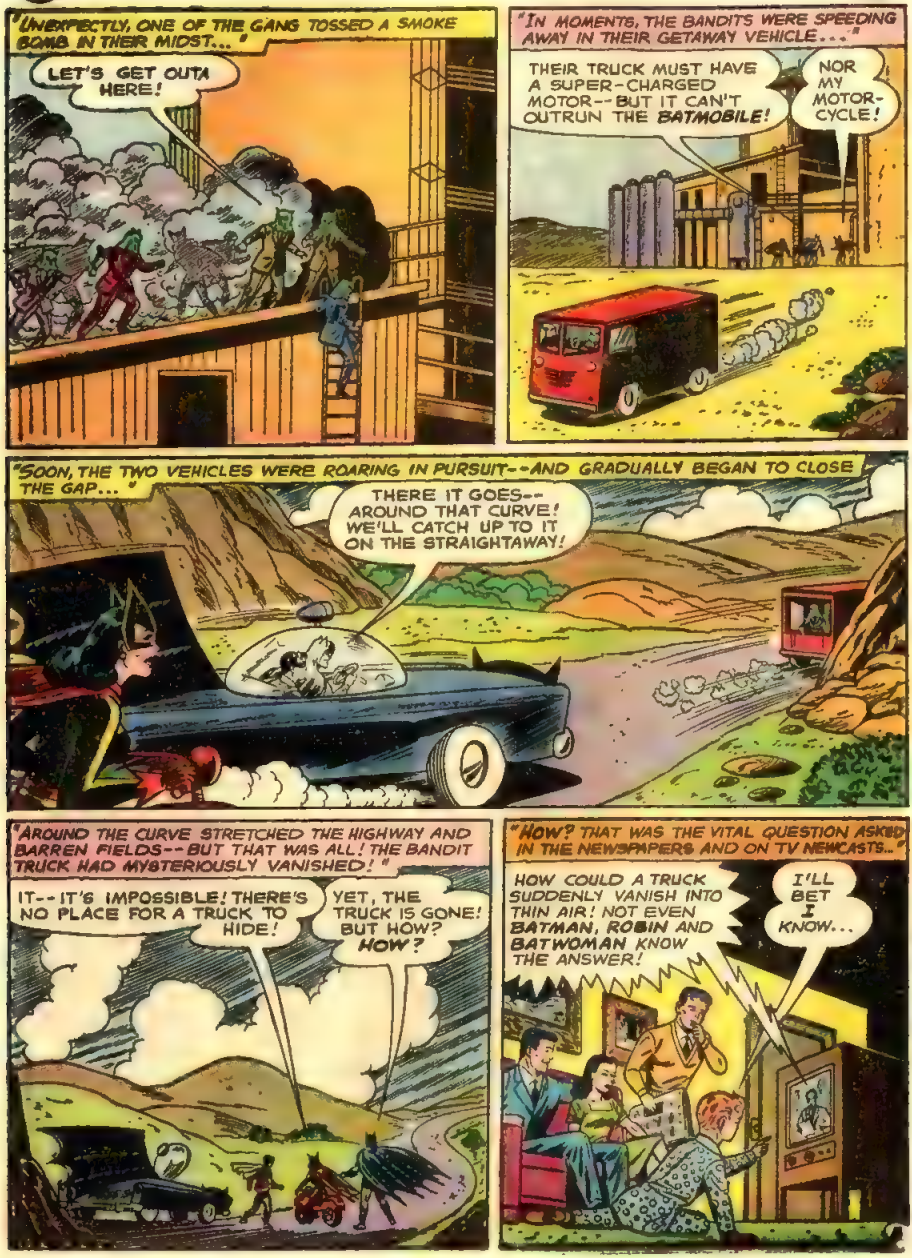


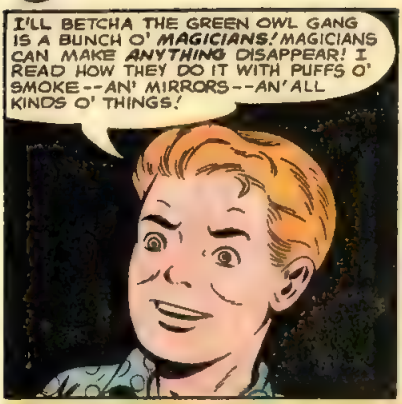
"YES, BRUCE JR. WAS INDEED INTELLIGENT! FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE THE TIME THE CRIME-FIGHTING FAMILY CHANCED UPON THE **GREEN OWL** GANG ROBBING A CHEMICAL PLANT PAYROLL..."

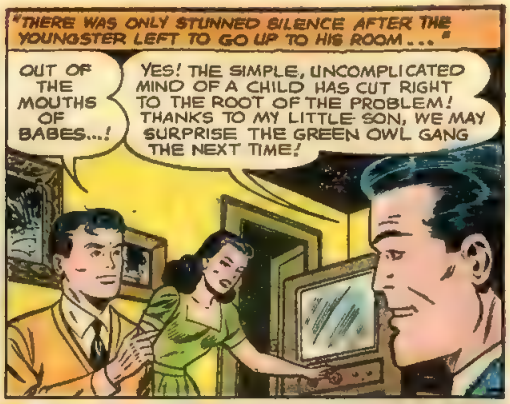


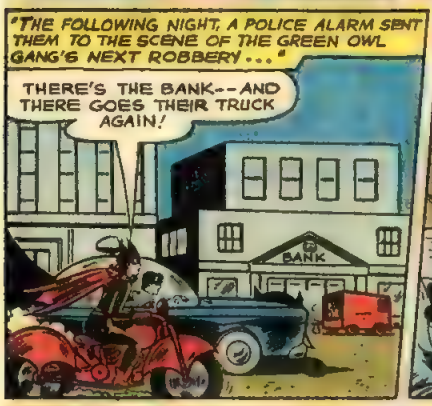
"BUT FOR BRUCE JR. THE LAST TIMES WERE WITH HIS FATHER!"

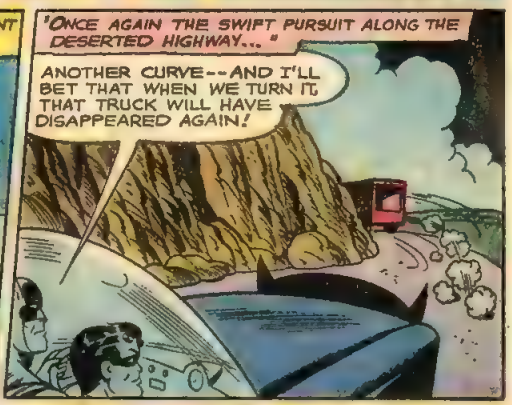



"UNEXPECTLY, ONE OF THE GANG TOSSED A SMOKE BOMB IN THEIR MIDST..."
LET'S GET OUTA HERE!
"IN MOMENTS, THE BANDITS WERE SPEEDING AWAY IN THEIR GETAWAY VEHICLE..."
THEIR TRUCK MUST HAVE A SUPER-CHARGED MOTOR--BUT IT CAN'T OUTRUN THE BATMOBILE!
NOR MY MOTOR-CYCLE!
"SOON, THE TWO VEHICLES WERE ROARING IN PURSUIT--AND GRADUALLY BEGAN TO CLOSE THE GAP..."
THERE IT GOES--AROUND THAT CURVE! WE'LL CATCH UP TO IT ON THE STRAIGHTAWAY!
"AROUND THE CURVE STRETCHED THE HIGHWAY AND BARREN FIELDS--BUT THAT WAS ALL! THE BANDIT TRUCK HAD MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHED!"
IT--IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO PLACE FOR A TRUCK TO HIDE!
YET, THE TRUCK IS GONE! BUT HOW? HOW?
"HOW? THAT WAS THE VITAL QUESTION ASKED IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND ON TV NEWCASTS.."
HOW COULD A TRUCK SUDDENLY VANISH INTO THIN AIR! NOT EVEN BATMAN, ROBIN AND BATWOMAN KNOW THE ANSWER!
I'LL BET I KNOW...

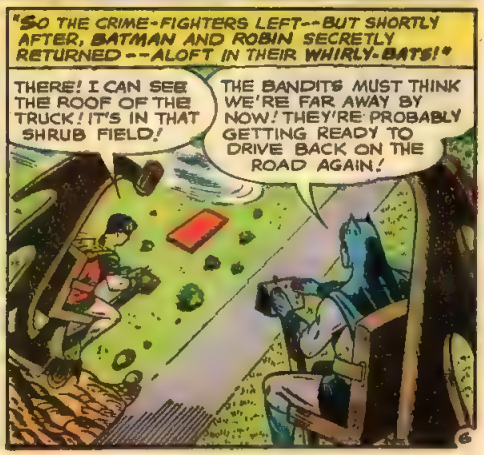

I'LL BETCHA THE GREEN OWL GANG IS A BUNCH O' MAGICIANS! MAGICIANS CAN MAKE ANYTHING DISAPPEAR! I READ HOW THEY DO IT WITH PUFFS O' SMOKE--AN' MIRRORS--AN' ALL KINDS O' THINGS!


"THERE WAS ONLY STUNNED SILENCE AFTER THE YOUNGSTER LEFT TO GO UP TO HIS ROOM..."
OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES...!
YES! THE SIMPLE, UNCOMPLICATED MIND OF A CHILD HAS CUT RIGHT TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM! THANKS TO MY LITTLE SON, WE MAY SURPRISE THE GREEN OWL GANG THE NEXT TIME!


"THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, A POLICE ALARM SENT THEM TO THE SCENE OF THE GREEN OWL GANG'S NEXT ROBBERY..."
THERE'S THE BANK--AND THERE GOES THEIR TRUCK AGAIN!
BANK

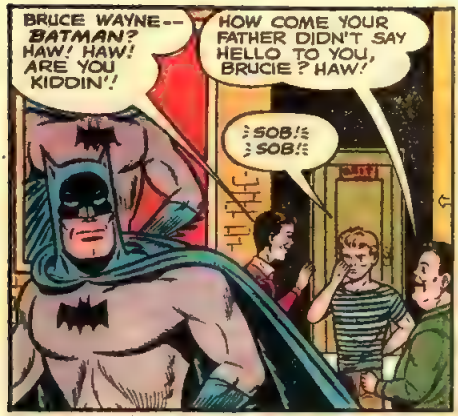

"ONCE AGAIN THE SWIFT PURSUIT ALONG THE DESERTED HIGHWAY..."
ANOTHER CURVE--AND I'LL BET THAT WHEN WE TURN IT, THAT TRUCK WILL HAVE DISAPPEARED AGAIN!

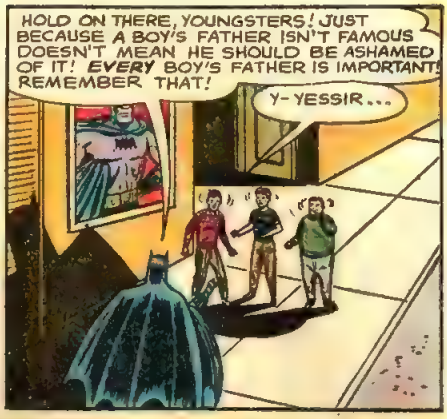
"BATMAN'S PROPHECY WAS INDEED CORRECT..."
OKAY--NOW LET'S GO INTO OUR LITTLE ACT!
SOMEHOW THE GREEN OWL GANG HAS OUT-SMARTED US AGAIN!
YEAH! WE MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME!

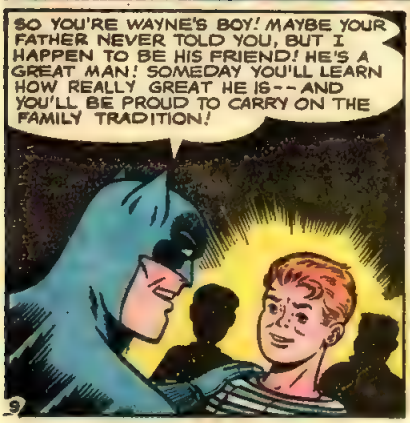

"SO THE CRIME-FIGHTERS LEFT--BUT SHORTLY AFTER, BATMAN AND ROBIN SECRETLY RETURNED--ALOFT IN THEIR WHIRLY-BATS!"
THERE! I CAN SEE THE ROOF OF THE TRUCK! IT'S IN THAT SHRUB FIELD!
THE BANDITS MUST THINK WE'RE FAR AWAY BY NOW! THEY'RE PROBABLY GETTING READY TO DRIVE BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

"BELOW, FROM HIDING, BATWOMAN SAW THE TRUCK MAGICALLY BEGIN TO REAPPEAR..."
MIRRORS SLIDE OUT AND DOWN FROM SLOTS IN THE TRUCK ROOF--TO COVER ALL SIDES OF THE TRUCK! BECAUSE THE MIRRORS REFLECT NEARBY SCENERY, THE TRUCK "DISAPPEARS" FROM VIEW! JUST AS OUR LITTLE SON SAID, THEY DID IT WITH MIRRORS!
"THEN, ALMOST AS MAGICALLY, A TRIO OF CRIME-FIGHTERS CLOSED IN ON THE SURPRISED BANDITS!"
OKAY, ROBIN--LET'S SET THE STABILIZER-CONTROLS ON THE WHIRLY-BATS--AND GO DOWN!
HUH? HOW'D YOU GUESS?
OH, LET'S SAY THE IDEA CAME TO ME OUT OF THE HEIR!
BATMAN MUST ENJOY THAT PUN MORE THAN ANY OTHER HE'S EVER MADE!
"THE NEXT DAY, THE HEIR RECEIVED A SURPRISE GIFT..."
GOLLY! A MAGIC SET! MAYBE NOW I CAN LEARN HOW TO PULL A RABBIT OUT OF A HAT!
IN A WAY, SON--YOU ALREADY HAVE!
"BUT BRUCE JR. ONCE PULLED SOMETHING ELSE OUT OF A HAT DURING HIS EARLY SCHOOL YEARS--SOMETHING THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DISASTROUS..."
...AND NOW, OUR HONORED GUEST OF THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE--BATMAN!
BATMAN!
HOORAY!
WOW!

"AFTER THE SHOW, BRUCE JUNIOR AND SOME FRIENDS WAITED AT THE EXIT, HOPING TO GLIMPSE THEIR HERO EMERGING . . ."
GOSH! I SURE WISH BATMAN WAS MY FATHER!
MY FATHER'S FAMOUS, TOO! HE'S HANK DAWSON--FIRST BASEMAN ON THE GOTHAM STARS!
EXIT
HEY, BRUCIE, WHAT DOES YOUR FATHER DO?
WE-ELL, HE'S DIRECTOR OF SOME CORPORATIONS--AND WORKS ON CHARITIES--AND THINGS LIKE THAT!
EXIT
HA! YOUR FATHER IS NOTHING COMPARED TO MY FATHER!
THAT'S A LIE! M-MY FATHER IS A SWELL GUY--A GREAT GUY! YOU JUST DON'T KNOW HOW GREAT HE IS!
"ANXIOUS TO DEFEND HIS FAMILY PRIDE, BRUCE JR. DESPERATELY GROPED FOR AN IDEA, AND THEN BLURTED OUT..."
OKAY, I--I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TELL YOU! M-MY FATHER IS REALLY--BATMAN!
EXIT
"THERE WAS ONLY STUNNED SILENCE--ESPECIALLY BEHIND THE EXIT DOOR WHERE BATMAN WAS JUST ABOUT TO EMERGE..."
MY SON DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY TOLD THE TRUTH! I MUST MAKE CERTAIN THE OTHER BOYS DON'T BELIEVE IT!
"EMERGING, BATMAN DELIBERATELY PASSED BY THE BOYS CASUALLY..."
HI, BOYS!
IT HURTS ME TO HAVE TO PRETEND TO IGNORE MY OWN SON, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE!




HOLD ON THERE, YOUNGSTERS! JUST BECAUSE A BOY'S FATHER ISN'T FAMOUS DOESN'T MEAN HE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF IT! EVERY BOY'S FATHER IS IMPORTANT! REMEMBER THAT!
Y-YESSIR...


SO YOU'RE WAYNE'S BOY! MAYBE YOUR FATHER NEVER TOLD YOU, BUT I HAPPEN TO BE HIS FRIEND! HE'S A GREAT MAN! SOMEDAY YOU'LL LEARN HOW REALLY GREAT HE IS--AND YOU'LL BE PROUD TO CARRY ON THE FAMILY TRADITION!
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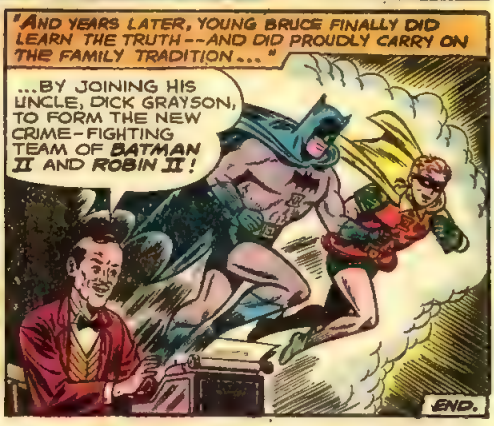
"AND YEARS LATER, YOUNG BRUCE FINALLY DID LEARN THE TRUTH--AND DID PROUDLY CARRY ON THE FAMILY TRADITION..."
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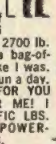

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